

THIS WEEK

Sunday 6 May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 142

President: Canon Edward Carter

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible, led by Revd Dr Paul Beasley-Murray

9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

President: The Very Revd Nicholas Henshall

Preacher: Revd Ade Eleyae

11.15am **CHORAL EUCHARIST**

President: The Very Revd Nicholas Henshall

Preacher: Canon Edward Carter

3.30pm **EVENSONG**

Address: The Very Revd Nicholas Henshall

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 13 May - Seventh Sunday of Easter

8.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 146

President: The Very Revd Nicholas Henshall

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible led by Revd Dr Paul Beasley-Murray

9.30 am **PARISH EUCHARIST with baptism**

President: Canon Ivor Moody

Preacher: The Very Revd Nicholas Henshall

11.15 am **MATTINS**

Preacher: Heike Prentice

3.30 pm **ECUMENICAL VESPERS** with Brentwood Cathedral Choir

Address: Fr Martin Boland, Dean of Brentwood Cathedral

Daily Prayer through the Week (Mon to Sat):

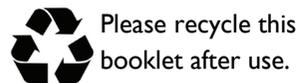
Morning Prayer: 7.45 am

Holy Communion: 8.15 am (also Wed at 12.35 pm & Thurs at 10.00 am)

Midday Prayer in St Cedd's Chapel

Evensong/Evening Prayer: 5.15 pm (sung on Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri,
said on Wednesday & Saturday)

On certain Saturdays Evensong is sung by a choir
– please check the Music & Services list for dates



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CATHEDRAL LIFE WEEKLY

Sixth Sunday of Easter, 6 May 2018



Ring out wild bells!

Bells call us to worship Sunday by Sunday and ring out in celebration on high days and holy days. And the unique way bells are rung in England - known as change ringing - is a remarkable part of our cultural heritage.

Here at Chelmsford Cathedral we have a long and proud history of change ringing and generations of ringers. Today we celebrate the work of David Rothera as tower captain. David started ringing at the Cathedral in 1969 and was appointed tower captain in 1979, a role in which he has served for over 38 years.



David retired as tower captain in March and we thank him warmly for his dedication and commitment. And he will of course continue to ring at the Cathedral and is now Deputy Tower Captain!

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

John 15.9-17

Introduction & Context

Jesus has loved his disciples as the Father has loved him; they are to continue to love him, by being obedient to his commandments (v. 10); he has been obedient, even to death on the cross. He continues to be in a loving relationship with the Father. This kind of love leads to “joy” (v. 11), ultimate joy. Jesus, the model for our behaviour, loved us so much that he gave his life for us, his “friends” (v. 13).

To be a *servant* (v. 15) of God was an honour in Old Testament times, but a servant was not normally admitted to the counsel of his master while “friends” were: his disciples know all that the Father has told him. Jesus has taken the initiative in choosing them and appointing them to seek converts who will be deeply and lastingly committed to him (v. 16).

Once you are settled and are ready to go:

- Read the passage slowly and reflectively
- Note anything that particularly strikes you and refer to the notes if they are helpful
- Spend a few moments in quiet reflection
- If you are a group, share your reflections in pairs or as a whole group (remembering that each person will have different perspectives and views on the passage)
- Read the passage for a final time and give thanks to God for the gift of his holy word.

Next Sunday's Readings - 13/5/18 : Easter 7

9.30 am & 11.15 am:

1 John 5.9-13

Psalm 1

John 17.6-19

3.30 pm:

Ps 147

Isaiah 22.15-22

Philippians 3.13b - 4.1

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 7 May

10am - 4pm

Pleshey Retreat House Open Day

6.00 - 8.00pm

Youth Group (YMCA)

Wednesday 9 May

9.30am

Parent and Toddler Group (Chapter House)

11am - 3pm

24/7 Prayer (St Peter's Chapel)

12.35pm

Eucharist

1.00 - 3.00pm

Welcome on Wednesday: coffee and cake in the North Transept

1.00 - 4.00pm

Friendship Club (Chapter House)

2.00pm

Funeral of Margaret Bardsley

6 - 8pm

LGBT Group (Chelmergate)

Thursday 10 May - Ascension Day

8.00am

Singing from the top of the tower

9.00am

Sung Eucharist

10.00am

Eucharist

2.00pm

Mothers' Union meeting (Chapter House)

5.30pm

Choral Eucharist

Friday 11 May

12.30pm

Lunchtime Concert - Jennie's Accordionists

Saturday 12 May

10.00am

Essex Mind & Spirit Talk (Chapter House)

Thursday 17 May 10.45am

The Cathedral Prayer Group

meets in the Johnson Room, Chapter House to pray for the Cathedral, the wider community, the Diocese and the world. All are welcome to come along.

Friday 18 May 9.45am

The Cathedral Walking

Group's next walk starts from the Wheatsheaf pub in Maldon Road, Hatfield Peverel CM3 2JF. Select lunch before the five mile 'Two Rivers Walk'. Please let Anne Sparrow know by Wednesday 16 May if you would like to go. Her email is: anniesp23@yahoo.co.uk

Sunday 20 May 12.45pm

Meeting Point Lunch is being held at Pontlands Park. If you would like to join other people for a sociable Sunday lunch out, please book with Penny tel: 07872 942625.

Café Jazz 6pm

Jazz and choral music with the Cathedral Choirs and the Dave Pickthall Big Band. Tickets £10 (including a drink on arrival) are available from the Cathedral Book Stall. A cash bar will also operate.

NOTICES & DATES FOR THE DIARY

A very warm welcome to Chelmsford Cathedral especially if you are a visitor or here for the first time. Everything you need for the celebration is contained in the service booklet. Please ask one of the welcome stewards on duty at the doors if you have any questions.

Junior Church meets today at 9.30am in Chapter House. Today's theme is 'Jesus said: 'This is my commandment - love one another.'

Yellow Envelopes If you are a UK tax payer, please use a yellow Gift Aid envelope (available at the doors) to increase the value of your donation by 25% at no extra cost to you. Please fill in your name, house number and postcode and the date.

Sponsoring a pedestal flower arrangement in the Cathedral is an excellent way to celebrate a special occasion or remember a loved one, and at the same time giving very welcome support to the Flower Guild as they provide flowers for the Cathedral week by week. We ask for a donation of £30. For further details please contact Elizabeth Stedman 01245 359268, estedman@hotmail.co.uk, or any member of the Flower Guild.

Christian Aid Week is 13-19 May. Envelopes will be given out at all services on Sunday 13 May for donations to Christian Aid. There are no house to house collections so please use this as your opportunity to donate to this worthwhile cause. Envelopes will also be available in the Cathedral during the weeks following

Part Time Marketing Assistant in Cathedral Office (12 month contract). The Cathedral is looking to appoint a part-time Marketing Assistant to support the promotion of events and services. The post will develop new marketing opportunities online and in print as well as deliver our regular marketing activities. The job is 15 hours a week, but working hours can be flexible. For more information please contact Ruth Collin on ruth.collin@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk or 01245 294492. The Job Description and Application Form are available on our website at www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk/jobs.

Congratulations to Patrick Appleford - 93 on Friday 4 May!

Volunteering Opportunities: with the reorganization of Wardens' and Sidespersons' duties, there are two volunteering opportunities now needing to be filled.
- Counting and Banking collections and donations: this is done weekly in teams of two, this would normally be once a month
- Senior Sidesperson: this person would be responsible for the Sidespersons' Rota and deploying the Sidespersons' team, especially at big services. They would work closely with the Wardens in recruiting and training Sidespersons.

Children's Society
Please return money boxes for opening this month, if possible to me. Alternatively they can be given directly to a verger for safe keeping. Boxes are always available for new holders.
Richard Spilsbury.

Daily Gospel Readings for this week, to use in your daily prayer:

<i>Sunday:</i>	John 15.9-17	<i>Thursday:</i>	Luke 24.44-end
<i>Monday:</i>	John 15.26 – 16.4	<i>Friday:</i>	John 16.20-23
<i>Tuesday:</i>	John 16.5-11	<i>Saturday:</i>	John 16.23-28
<i>Wednesday:</i>	John 16.12-15	<i>Sunday:</i>	John 17.6-19

You can find a simple 10 minute reflection at: pray-as-you-go.org

Thought for the day

The beginning of love is the will to let those we love be perfectly themselves, the resolution not to twist them to fit our own image.

— Thomas Merton

Please pray for:

- Ernie Andrews, Mary Bradford, David Brider, Rosemary Duffin, Lydia Gladwin, Etholle Holmes, Julie Liney, Bartholomew Mullane; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- The Salvation Army
- Thy Kingdom Come (10-20 May)
- The Anglican Church of Kenya and The Most Revd Jackson Ole Sapit, Primate and Archbishop of All Kenya

Len Wickers

You may have heard that Len died on 19 April. Along with his late wife, Val, Len was a regular member of our 8am Sunday congregation as well as being a loyal Sunday afternoon steward. His funeral is being held at Chelmsford Crematorium on Friday 18 May at 2.30pm and all are welcome.

Cathedral Dinner



The Cathedral Social Committee once again put on a lovely evening with a three course meal with wine chosen by Brian Greatrex to accompany the evening. There was an interesting and entertaining talk from the Rt Revd Roger Morris, Bishop of Colchester, and musical accompaniment from the scholars and James Davy.



Celebrating the Commonwealth

At evensong, over 400 people from across the county attended a service celebrating the Commonwealth. The Band of the Corps of Royal Engineers played both before the service and alongside the Cathedral musicians during the service and the Fijian Choir, based at Colchester Garrison, sung a hymn. Nearly 50 children, representing most of the countries in the Commonwealth formed a procession which heralded the start of the service. Also attending were mayors and chairpersons' from across the county. Many people had never been to the Cathedral before but all enjoyed the experience.

*Further pictures next week,
space allowing*

